

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's helpful comments that he provided during a telephone interview conducted on September 29, 2008. During the interview the parties discussed claim 1 and the alleged prior art references. Applicant notes that during the interview, Applicant proposed an amendment to claim 1 which the Examiner indicated would likely overcome the cited references. This Amendment is filed based on that proposed amendment.

Claims 31-60 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 31, 42, 46, 49-50, 53, 59 and 60 have been amended.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein or later are not made to distinguish the invention over the prior art or narrow the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein or later should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention of claims 31-60 includes features that are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 31-60, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

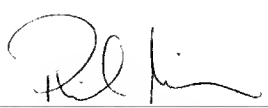
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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